METRO YOUTHBUILD

If you are age 18 to 24 and out of school, YouthBuild can:

- Help you complete high school or obtain your GED
- Provide hands-on construction training and certifications
- Link you to construction apprenticeships and employment
- Rehab and build housing for low-income families in your own community
- Provide a work stipend

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

YouthBuild is an innovative alternative education program providing unemployed high-school dropouts with the education and occupational skills that prepare them for jobs with good wages. Youth alternate between the classroom and the work site, learning construction skills while building affordable housing in their communities. Certifications include First Aid/CPR, NCCER Core, OSHA 10, and NCCER Carpentry. Participants increase the supply of permanent affordable housing for homeless individuals and low-income families in their communities, ensuring the positive impact of the program long after individuals have graduated.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Age 18-24
- Provide valid ID, birth certificate, Social Security card and proof of low income
- Be willing to obtain high school diploma or GED
- Must be available evenings and Saturdays for construction training and work site activities
- Must pass two-week Mental Toughness training
- Reside on the South Side of Chicago, including neighborhoods such as Englewood, Greater Grand Crossing, Pullman, Riverdale, South Shore, West Pullman, or Woodlawn

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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